

U.S. Embassy Bahrain
Demonstration Notice 02 Update - January 06, 2012

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

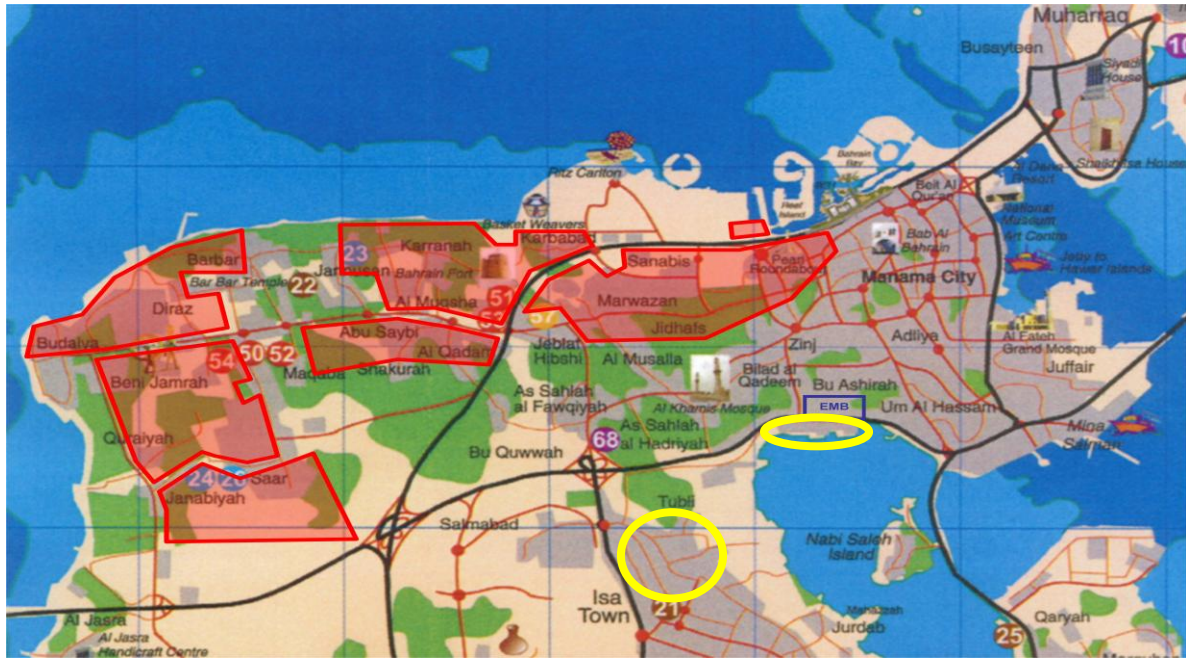
- **On Saturday 07 January at 1500 hours, an unauthorized demonstration is planned near the intersection of Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Hwy and Ave 13 (near MacDonald's, southwest of the US Embassy). Expect possible clashes and heavy traffic on Shaikh Isa Hwy.**
- **On Saturday, 07 January, there are calls to burn the U.S. flag throughout Bahrain.**
- **The Embassy anticipates widespread demonstration activity to continue through the weekend and will provide updates as necessary.**
- **The Embassy has observed an increase in anti-U.S. sentiment on various websites and social media outlets; however, there are no indications that U.S. citizens are being directly threatened or targeted at this time.**

Please see below for a map

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The [Embassy's web site](http://bahrain.usembassy.gov), <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>, includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.



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